

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022



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St. Francis Xavier Parish, founded in Newtowne after the landing of the Ark and the Dove on St. Clement's Island, exemplifies an open-hearted community. As the oldest Catholic Church in the original 13 colonies, we continue to embrace our legacy in serving Christ and embody His teachings.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM-5PM

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Registration forms are on our parish website

SUNDAY MASSES—IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Saturday 4pm* (Anticipated), Sunday 8am & 11am

*Livestream: facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass 1st & 5th Sunday

DAILY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 8am ♦ Wed, 6:30pm

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 8am

CONFESSIONS

30 min before all weekend Masses or by appointment

WEEKLY ADORATION

Friday after 8am Mass, 8:35-9:35am

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 7:30-7:55am

BAPTISMS

By appointment with Father

MARRIAGES

Make arrangements with your Pastor at least six months in advance; call the Rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com

BULLETIN ITEMS ♦ PRAYER LIST

•Send bulletin items to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com

Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date

•Our Prayer List is refreshed each month:

Send Prayer List requests to PinedaR@adw.org

If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the rectory to arrange for the sacrament of anointing

Rev. Ryan Pineda, Administrator

PinedaR@adw.org

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

*2nd Collection: Maintenance Fund

*Religious Education class

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Federal Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Rectory office closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Religious Education class

Please join fellow members of our community in praying the 9 Days for Life Novena from Jan 19-27. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text, at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

*Book Club: Final Session for *Mere Christianity*

New session starts Jan 27

*6:30pm: RCIA, via ZOOM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30pm: Bible Study FINAL SESSION, Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

6am: *That Man Is You*, Hall

8am: Mass, with Exposition until 12pm, for the legal protection of unborn children

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

*2nd Collection: FAW School

*Religious Education class



SHARING OUR TREASURE

1/2 & 1/9/2022

Offertory 1/2	\$1,712.00
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Online Giving 1/2	\$2,500.00
Online Giving 1/9	\$1,475.00
2nd Collection (Military Arch)	\$150.00
2nd Collection (FAW)	\$580.00
Christmas Collection	\$15,798.52

4 STEPS TO FOOD SAFETY



The SMC Health Department, Environmental Health Division, offers **FREE** introductory classes on safe food handling. This online class is encouraged for those preparing or working with food at special events, such as parish breakfasts, dinners, and our annual Bazaar.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Wed, Jan 19, 5-8pm (REGISTER ASAP!)

Wed, Apr 13, 9am-12pm

Wed, Jul 13, 5-8pm

Anyone can attend. Sue Breck is coordinating parish attendees. **To register for the Jan 19 class, please call Sue Breck, 240-925-9739, ASAP,** with your name and email address (for online link). **Attendees receive a Certificate of Attendance.**



Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille has helped many couples through difficult times in their marriages.

For confidential info or to register for the upcoming Jan 21-23 program weekend, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org; call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.



2021 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION

STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED

TO REGISTERED PARISH

DONORS THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY.

If you do not receive yours by Wed, Feb 9, please call or email the rectory. If you donate through online giving, please use your bank statement for donation info. If you need help, please call the office.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Join us in prayer that as a nation, we may stop wandering in the wilderness of the culture of death and may enter into “life in abundance” (John 10:10) through our faith in Jesus Christ and our proclamation of the Gospel of Life!

Below are resources to aid in protecting all those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between.



For Families following an Unexpected or Challenging Prenatal Diagnosis of Disability

The Catholic Church teaches that prenatal diagnosis is morally licit, “if it respects the life and integrity of the embryo and the human fetus and is directed toward its safeguarding or healing as an individual” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2274). Advances in prenatal diagnostic technology have helped many families to seek out necessary medical treatment and to prepare for the birth of their child, and to understand potential complications. This same technology can also introduce new challenges to our Christian moral teaching.

The often-confusing terminology of “early induction” or “medical induction” recommended by medical staff after an adverse prenatal diagnosis is, in fact, an abortion. Upon receiving an unexpected prenatal diagnosis, up to 90% of women decide to terminate their pregnancies.

These resources may be of help to those who have received an unexpected or challenging diagnosis:

- National Down Syndrome Society: www.ndss.org
- The Arc: For those supporting people with intellectual & developmental disabilities. www.thearc.org
- National Catholic Partnership on Disability: www.ncpd.org
- Catholic Charities DC Sanctuaries for Life: Pregnancy support including affordable prenatal care and resources for women facing an unintended pregnancy. www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/sfl 1-800-712-4357 or Text “HELPLINE” to 313131)
- Isaiah’s Promise: Peer support for parents carrying to term after receiving a severe or fatal prenatal diagnosis. www.isaiahspromise.net

For those who had an abortion

Project Rachel: 301-982-2008, projectrachel@adw.org

In *Evangelium Vitae* (99), St. John Paul II says “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision.... do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly.... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.... With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone’s right to life.”

Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese and staffed by professionals, that offers compassionate help to women and men who have experienced emotional or spiritual pain after abortion. If you or a friend are hurting from an abortion, call 301-982-2008 or email projectrachel@adw.org

End of Life Care

<https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/end-life-care/>

Comfort & Consolation, published by The Maryland Catholic Conference, provides information for you and your family, with guidance on hospice and palliative care, advance care planning, and other topics.

- We do not have the right to take our own lives nor to directly bring about the death of any innocent person.
- Each of us is obliged to care for the gift of life and health that God has given us.
- No patient is obliged to accept or demand useless or excessively burdensome medical interventions.
- The human person always has dignity, even in suffering.
- Even when we cannot cure, we can always care.
- There is a presumption of providing food and fluid unless it is futile or death is imminent.
- Patients in end-stage conditions or a persistent vegetative state possess dignity and deserve good care.
- Preparation for death can be a beautiful time to reconcile with family, friends, and God.





MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #1470, is sponsoring a Charter Coach Bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on FRIDAY, JAN 21. The bus leaves St. Aloysius Church at 9am, returning around 6pm. The ride is free, donations will be accepted. **You must register for the bus** with Derek Adams via email, dereklightning717@gmail.com. **Masks are required.** Please dress warmly and bring your own beverages, snacks, food. **Let's fill the bus and March For Life!**

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

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FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Virtue of Gratitude: This month, students and their families are learning about the virtue of gratitude. Please join them by modeling how you see everything as a gift and are thankful.

Italian Dinner: Drive-thru, Sat, Feb 5, 4-7pm. Spaghetti, homemade meatballs, garlic bread, bottled water, dessert. \$10 adults, \$5 kids 4-12, free for 3 and under. All are welcome!

Aftercare Staff needed: For details or to apply, email fawslibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass offered for the birth or death anniversary of a loved one, or to mark a joyful occasion in someone's life, please call or email Judith in the rectory office, or stop by the rectory Mon, Tue, Thu from 9am-2pm. Once the date is confirmed, send in or drop off your Mass offering.



NEW BOOK BEGINS JAN 17

Join us as we examine *The Saints' Guide to Happiness*, by Robert Ellsberg. Ellsberg looks to the saints to answer the questions "What is happiness?" and "How might we find it?" To register or for more info, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Our non-Catholic brethren tease us Catholics about not knowing the Bible because most of us rely on what we hear at Mass.



There are books, podcasts, videos, and apps that will help you read the entire Bible, such as *Bible in a Year: Your Daily Encounter with God*, published by Augustine Institute.

Or you can use the guide prepared by Dr. Mary Healy, renowned Biblical scholar: https://speakingofscripture.files.wordpress.com/2012/01/bible_in_a_year.pdf

FROM YOUR SHEPHERD:
PAX ET BONUM!

Rev. Ryan Pineda
PinedaR@ndm.org

We are now starting Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Calendar. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrated last Sunday, took the place of the 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time began this past Monday and continues until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (March 1). It begins again on the Monday after Pentecost and ends before Evening Prayer I of the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Ordinary Time is not ordinary in the usual sense of the word; the season is called Ordinary time because the time is marked by ordinal numbers, such as 2nd or 10th Sunday. In other words, the Sundays are counted or numbered. The Sundays in Ordinary Time provide us with opportunities to ponder and live out the truth of Christ's Paschal Mystery – the salvific events of his birth, life, death, and resurrection. Indeed, unlike Advent or Lent, which have their own distinctive character, our readings will focus on the entirety of the mystery of Christ and all its dimensions.

This Sunday, our Gospel focuses on the Wedding Feast in Cana, the first sign that Jesus performed in the Gospel of John. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding in Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness and the sacramentality of marriage.

Marriage is not the only thing that is threatened in our society. Indeed, I started incorporating the Prayer to the Holy Family after the Prayers of the Faithful to remind us that we need to pray for our own families and for families in general. Another thing we can pray for, especially right now, is for the unborn children and for the end of abortion. **In the dioceses across our country, January 22 is designated as the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*. We will have a Mass at 8am followed by an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction until noon.** Please try to stop by the church for an hour or even for a few minutes and join the whole country in praying. Just remember that in *Evangelium Vitae* (10), Pope St. John Paul II says,

“A great prayer for life is urgently needed,

a prayer which will rise up throughout the world.”

In Christ,
Fr. Ryan

Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 15

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am — Special Intention

4pm — Justino De Lara †

Sunday – January 16

2nd in Ordinary Time

8am — Pro Populo

11am — Mercy Aguinaldo † & Eusebio Velasco †

Monday – January 17

St. Anthony

8am — Emilio Balmaceda †

Tuesday – January 18

8am — Justineo De Lara †

Wednesday – January 19

6:30pm — Minoza Family

Thursday – January 20

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

8am — Ray Obart

Friday – January 21

St. Agnes

8am — Roberto Pineda †

Saturday – January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8am — For the Unborn

4pm — For the Unborn

Sunday – January 23

3rd in Ordinary Time

8am — Rudy Marte †

11am — Pro Populo

Pray For

The sick: Deacon Andy Espinoza, Mark Coontz, Brenda Jean Jones, Bernie Gwynn, Jimmy Brown, Lucy Sambuco Funk, Chloe Thurnbaugh, Lauren Thurnbaugh, Ron Glockner, Brenda Mattingly Garber, Bill Law, Arthur Goeller, Kylee Viola, Elsie Marte, Mickey McAloon, Richard Fezio, Karen Feagley, Willard L. Jones Jr., Amanda Gwynn, Pacencia Santiago, Joan O'Dell, Glenn Priddy, Godilla Anana Gudelos, Kit Pilkerton, Mary Helen Farrell, Karen Huseman, Wally Bowles, Richley (Bunky) Taylor, Erin Schaller; those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities, or homebound.

Our beloved dead: Rev. J. Isidore Dixon, Deacon Thomas Spalding, Ruth Adelle Stewart, Katherine Mueller, Amalia Janeo, Fernando Peredo, all who have died of COVID-19, and all in our cemetery.

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